

# **Arizona State Board of Acupuncture Examiners**

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**January 28, 2004**

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Deborah Malone, Chairman  
Janice Benjamin, Secretary  
Yong Deng, Professional Member  
Martha Grout, MD, MD(H), Professional Member  
Joan Heskett, Public Member  
Don Nichols, Public Member  
Dana Price, L. Ac. Professional Member

### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Syretta McNeal, Public Member

### **ATTORNEY GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE:**

Terrie Zenoff, Assistant Attorney General

### **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:**

Christine Springer, Board Assistant

## **I. Call To Order**

Chairman Malone called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

## **II. Review, discuss, and vote – Regular Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of the regular meeting held November 19, 2003 were moved and seconded by Dr. Grout and Mrs. Benjamin. Motion carried with a majority vote (Mrs. Heskett abstained).

Minutes of the regular meeting held December 17, 2003 were moved and seconded by Mrs. Heskett and Dr. Grout. Motion carried with a majority vote. (Chairman Malone and Don Nichols abstained).

## **III. Annual meeting business**

### **1. Election of officers**

Mrs. Price nominated Mrs. Malone to continue serving as Chairman. Dr. Grout seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mr. Nichols nominated Dr. Grout to serve as secretary. Mrs. Heskett seconded the motion.

Chairman Malone nominated Mrs. Benjamin to serve in the capacity of secretary. Mrs. Price seconded the motion

Dr. Grout withdrew her candidacy. Motion nominating Mrs. Benjamin to serve as secretary passed unanimously.

**2. Set fees pursuant to ARS §32-3927**

Fees for 2004 were discussed. Dr. Grout made a motion recommending that the fee for visiting professor be set at \$100. There was no second.

Mr. Nichols moved to recommend that the fee for visiting professor remain at the current rate. Mrs. Benjamin seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to add \$100 fee to late renewals. Dr. Grout seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mr. Nichols also recommended that the board consider revising AAC R4-8-206 to shorten the amount of time to reinstate an expired license from one year to thirty days.

**IV. Complaints/Investigation – Review, Discuss and Vote**

**L-2002 -05 James Reece L. Ac.**

The discussion of this agenda item was deferred to the next regular meeting.

**V. Personnel Committee**

Mrs. Price updated the board on the progress of the search for an executive director. Expressing concern that some of the prospective candidates might seek other employment, she suggested that the date for the February meeting be moved from February 25, 2004 to an earlier date. After general discussion the consensus of the board was to retain the current published meeting schedule.

There was general discussion regarding notice requirements for the conduct of the final interviews. The members also discussed the number of hours per week the new executive director would be expected to work and whether or not funds for temporary clerical assistance were available in the current budget year.

**VI. Consideration of Candidates for Licensure – Review, Discuss and Vote**  
***License Applications***

Kim Blankenship was present to respond to questions from board members. Mr. Nichols inquired about Mr. Blankenship's current membership status with Alcoholics Anonymous. Dr. Grout made a motion recommending approval of the application. Motion seconded by Mrs. Benjamin and passed unanimously.

Dr. Grout made a motion approving the applications of Dianne Darcy and Anna Maria Osuna. Mrs. Price seconded both motions which passed unanimously.

Mrs. Price reviewed the application of Susan Pistawka and recommended approval. Motion seconded by Dr. Grout and passed unanimously.

Dr. Grout reviewed and made a motion approving the application submitted by Jean Painter. Motion seconded by Mrs. Price and passed unanimously.

Dr. Grout reviewed Dong L. Suh's license application that had been deferred at the July 3, 2003 regular meeting for additional information concerning his program of training. She made a motion approving the Chun-Am Institute of Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine (Seoul, Korea and Chicago, Illinois) as an approved program of study. Mr. Nichols seconded the motion that passed unanimously. Dr. Grout made a motion approving Mr. Suh's license application. Motion seconded by Mrs. Benjamin and passed unanimously.

Following Dr. Grout's motion, Samuel Syn's application for license was deferred to the next regular meeting. Motion seconded by Mrs. Heskett and passed unanimously. The board requested that a copy of a consent agreement issued by the State of Virginia to Mr. Syn be included for review in February meeting packets.

Jody Walmsley's application for license was deferred to the next regular meeting following a motion to table made by Mr. Nichols. Motion seconded by Mrs. Heskett and passed unanimously. The board assistant was directed to include a copy of all information relating to Ms. Walmsley's DUI action in February's meeting packet.

Mrs. Benjamin reviewed Weizing Zhu's application for license and made a motion approving her application. The motion included approval of Ms. Zhu's program of study conducted at the Sichuan Academy of Medical Science in Sichuan Province, P.R.China as an approved program of study. Motion seconded by Dr. Grout and passed unanimously.

### ***Auricular Certificates***

Dr. Grout made motions approving the applications submitted by Juanita Carey and Terry Sullivan. The motion for Ms. Carey was seconded by Mrs. Price and passed unanimously. The motion for Mr. Sullivan was seconded by Dr. Deng and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Price made motions approving the applications submitted by Anna Finley and Kimberly Mount. Dr. Grout seconded each motion that carried unanimously.

## **VII. Professional Business**

### **a. Resignation of Paul Steingard, D.O.**

Board members expressed their regret that Dr. Steingard had submitted his resignation due to health concerns. Chris Springer explained that she had submitted the resignation letter to the Governor's Office for their review.

### **b. Complaint Procedure and Complaint Form**

The board reviewed a complaint form prepared by the board assistant and approved the format. Dr. Grout indicated she would send the flow chart outlining complaint procedures for review at the February meeting.

### **c. February 25, 2004 regular meeting**

The board considered changing February's scheduled meeting date and noted that since the meeting schedule had been published it would be less confusing to maintain the existing schedule.

**VIII. Consideration, Discussion and Vote Regarding Rulemaking**

Chairman Malone suggested the rules be sent back to committee in order that written comments could be more fully reviewed for possible inclusion in the proposed draft. Committee members are Chairman Malone, Mrs. Heskett and Dr. Grout.

**IX. Executive Director Report**

The board's finances were discussed during deliberation of Agenda Item III. Annual Meeting Business.

**X. Call to the Public**

Catherine Niemiec addressed the board and noted she had served as a member of the original committee that proposed the current preceptor rules draft. She stated that during their review the committee had prepared a chart comparing various states and whether or not preceptorships were recognized. Ms. Niemiec indicated she would provide a copy of the information to the new committee.

**XI. Future Agenda Items**

None.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Grout moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:40 p.m. Mrs. Heskett seconded the motion that passed unanimously. The **next meeting** of the Board will convene at the Occupational Licensing Building, 1400 W. Washington, Basement Conference Room B-1, Phoenix, Arizona, 1:00 PM, on **February 25, 2004**

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Springer  
Board Assistant